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1. AT AN INFORMAL MEETING OF CENTO DEPUTIES DECEMBER 14, SECRETARY-GENERAL BAYULKEN NOTED THAT ALL AMBASSADORS, EXCEPT PAKISTANI, HAVE RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO HIS LETTER OF OCTOBER 27 REGARDING CONCLUSION OF NATO-CENTO AGREEMENT COVERING EXCHANGE OF AIR DEFENSE DATA WITH IRAN UNDER CENTO AUSPICES (PARA 2, REFTEL B). PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT AGREE TO SUCH A RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO (AND WAS PARTICULARLY UNLIKELY TODO SO IN VIEW OF ITS APPROACHING DOMESTIC ELECTIONS.) IN VIEW OF THIS HE THOUGHT IT BETTER NOT TO REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER AS HE PREFERRED THIS TO THE CONVEYING OF A FORMAL OBJECTION.

2. COMMENT: SINCE ALL CENTO DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY CONSENSUS, WITHHOLDING PAKISTANI CONSENT TO NATO-CENTO AGREEMENT CAN BE CONSTRUED AS A VETO AND THE AGREE-

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MENT MAY NOT COME TO FRUITION AS POINTED OUT BY

USNMR SHAPE IN REFTEL A. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE A
DE FACTO EXCHANGE HAS ALREADY BEEN INITIATED, PAKISTANI
RESERVATION SHOULD NOT OBSTRUCT CONTINUATION OF
INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. BECAUSE OF BROADER CENTO IMPLICATIONS, DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE AND REFTELS TO
EMBASSIES ISLAMABAD AND LONDON.
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